

## Notice of Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Bluff Point to Preston Trail Committee (Tri Town Trail Assoc.)  
On Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 9:05 AM  
in the Groton Public Library on Route 117 in Groton, CT

### Agenda

1. Sign in and call to order
2. Review of minutes from September 27, 2011 meeting (see below)
3. Treasurers Report
4. Report on presentation to the Groton City Council
5. Proposals for fund raising
6. Work on 501 c, 3 status
7. Other business
8. Adjournment

Dave Holdridge

### Minutes

#### **TRI TOWN TRAIL ASSOCIATION**

#### **BLUFF POINT TO PRESTON TRAIL COMMITTEE**

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY GROTON, CT

**CALLED TO ORDER 9:15**

**ATTENDANCE:** Barbara Kil, Paul Reynolds, Tom Jannke, Bea Reynolds, June Evered, Wayne Chiapperini, David Holdridge, Karen Parkinson, Joe Berardy

**IN KIND HOURS:** Barbara Kil: 2 hours, clerical Minutes, Tom Jannke: 5 hours Grant Application, Wayne Chiapperini: 2 hours Treasurer, Dave Holdridge: 4 hours attend Copp Property Board Meeting and Grant Application, Karen Parkinson: 10 hours Grant Application.

**Minutes** from the August Meeting were read and approved.

Dave Holdridge made a motion to commit the Tri Town Trail Assoc. to raising the matching amounts for Ledyard's Recreational Trails Grant. Our 20% share would be \$40,000. The motion was seconded by Wayne Chiapperini and passed unanimously.

**LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Mark Oefinger Town Manager Groton, reminded us that it is difficult to rely too heavily on IN KIND HOURS, as it is hard to define exactly what those hours are worth. We should be applying for local grants now to help cover our share IE: Dime Bank, Chelsea Bank. Tom suggested that the trail be divided in sections and named for the donor much the same way as organizations sell bricks.

Wayne suggested that we send a thank you letter to Mark Oefinger for his help or even better would be so send a letter to the Town Council informing them about how helpful Mark was and how much we appreciated it. Dave will send the letter.

**PRIVATE PROPERTY LAND OWNERS:**

The Grant applications were looking for letters granting permission from these Land Owners. At this point we don't have the information for them. For Instance, exactly where the trail will go and how much their tax abatement might be. We need the money to do the surveying and a lawyer to provide the documents.

**COPP PROPERTY BOARD** Dave attended the board meeting last month, they meet quarterly to discuss issues. A representative from the GPU was there requesting that they build a fence separating the two properties, since there is direct access to the reservoir from the Copp Property. Some of the board members pointed out that the property line is actually in the water. Dave was there to present them with information about our trail. As was pointed out that our trail would have to cross the GPU property to reach the Copp Property. The Chair of the Copp Board has asked the GPU for "passports" for frequent users to have access to the Reservoir.

Wayne mentioned that there is a piece of land off Sandy Hollow Road that is still owned by the Town of Ledyard, another area that has direct access to the reservoir. We should check land records to see if that property can benefit our cause at all.

**COMMUNICATION WITH GROTON CITY COUNCIL** We did receive a letter saying that they decline our request to present our plan. In September the Ledyard Town council wrote a letter to Groton City Council asking them again to consider our plan. We will wait until we get news about the grant and then make another push to GPU.

Tom suggested that we contact Don Griesse at Ledyard Parks and Recreation about a November walk in the Reservoir. We are entitled to 3 hikes a year and we should always use all of them. We should publicize these walks in the Ledyard/Groton Patch. June said if we publicize to the Senior Centers we should be very specific about the type of terrain, the length of the walk and how strenuous it might be.

**KAREN 501.c3** we may need an attorney to finish the process. Please if everyone could think of their friends and contacts about someone who might be willing to do "pro bono work?"

**Wayne Treasurer's report** September 2011 Checking account balance \$2097.95. There are two outstanding checks for \$50.00 each.

**BEFORE THE NEXT MEEETING:**

Dave will write a letter to the Groton Town Council thanking them for Mark's help

Tom will organize a hike in November

Everyone should be Looking for local Grant Application opportunities. Perhaps networking thru the SE Chamber of Commerce ,Karen business the Paddock belongs to the Chamber , she will talk to them to see if someone will attend our next meeting,

Tom will seek out an Attorney

Volunteer is needed to work on our Web Page

Motion to Adjourn:

Adjourned 10:35

Next meeting on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

Barbara Kil, Recorder